

# SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, November 11, 2009  
Manchester Community Schools Board Room

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order by Mann at 7:00 PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** - Ron Mann, Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis, Andrea Bibby, George Daubner, Margene Dunsmore, Ron Ellison, Laurie Fromhart, Doug Fuller, Shirley Haussler, Sybil Kolon, Tom Lavender, Bill Lewis, Larry Lindemann, John Manor, Jesse O'Jack, Deena McIntosh, Dale Weidmayer.
4. **Introductions** - not made
5. **Approval of Agenda** - motion to approve as amended by Lewis, supported by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes** – Sept. Regular meeting - motion to approve as amended by Lewis, supported by Fromhart, approved by acclamation.
7. **Reports** –
  - a. County Planning Advisory Board - Lewis, 12 PA-116 applications passed on to Board, Webster & Lima Twp Master Plan amendments. County Planning will be focusing on economic and energy issues, with Strategic Plannin and Planning Advisory Board going away.
  - b. WATS - Mann, no recent meetings but notice published for 2 additional members representing several specialties. (application on their website)
  - c. Polices Services - Vaillienourt, no meeting last month, but Sheriff Clayton was a CEO meeting to discuss coordination of County and Ann Arbor law enforcement activities, concern that millage defeat in Ypsi Township may affect other community's contracted services.
  - d. WCRC - Fuller, June 2010 project to improve Sharon Hollow/Pleasant Lake intersection in Sharon Township, wants January Agenda item to discuss budget issues at WCRC and ways to fund projects, especially 3 load-limited bridges on Austin Rd. but State Bridge funding will not be available, \$1M necessary to improve Kies Rd. in Bridgewater Township. Need to prioritize SWWCOG area projects and how to fund them in the absence of State funding.
  - e. CEO Meeting - Vaillencourt, Chelsea Building Authority closing and will be done by County, layoffs in County Building Department result in few remaining employees.
  - f. Other - Mann - MTA regional meeting on December 3 at 7 PM at Scio Twp. Hall. County Treasurer Catherine Clary will discuss Washtenaw County Landbank, possible delinquent tax billbacks.  
Mann attended the SEMCOG University seminar on effective government collaboration.
8. **Discussion of potential areas of Inter-governmental cooperation - Mann.**  
Assessing Services.  
Common Newsletter.  
Preferred Hauler system for trash pickup.

Billing for Fire/Rescue calls. (Sharon Township-Lavender expressed interest)  
Secretary for Building Authority could potentially handle other requests.

**9. Future topics/projects/issues –**

County Parks - Lavender, concern about parkland purchases taking property off tax roles,  
Mann suggested having County Parks for February or March Agenda.

Downtown Enhancement Project-Manchester DDA in December.

**10. 2010 Calendar -** distributed, similar dates and locations to previous year.  
Vaillencourt, Lewis, accepted by acclamation.

**11. Roundtable Discussion –**

Manchester Schools - Ellison, school budget crisis caused by State may result in School  
District bankruptcies in the County.

Freedom Township - Weidmayer, another wild pig shot in Freedom Twp, discussion on  
recycling decided to keep current service, tabled JPC agreement due to mixed thoughts.

Planning Commission - Fromhart, reclamation bonds on gravel pits 20% down due to  
decreased activity, cancelled Dec. meeting

Bridgewater Township Planning Commission-Fromhart, working on future sewer use district

Sharon Township - Lavender, Gourley judgment details postponed by two weeks for working  
out details.

Planning Commission-Lewis, working on Master Plan revisions, website being updated.

Manchester Township - Mann, presentation on Recycling Authority building program,  
budget issues, passed JPC Ordinance and resolutions, sent revised amendment about US-12  
setbacks to Planning Commission for more work, made Zoning violations part of Civil  
Infractions procedures.

Planning Commission - Daubner, energy conversion systems ordinance discussed, US-12  
setback ordinance, working on outdoor furnace ordinance language.

Manchester Village - Vaillencourt, “Cedar Rapids” movie shoot in Village last week,  
positive benefit to community, water tower painted and painted Boosters & Friends say  
Flying Dutchmen, Building Authority still financially sound for another 18-24 months unless  
economy does not turn around, M-52 still on 2011 MDOT plan, 7-10% decrease expected in  
assessments next year, not expected to turn around until 2013-2014, CRC banquet Friday  
November 13 to honor community volunteers.

**12. Other Business**

Sheriff Department - MSP information sharing - Racenis

Recent crimes against businesses in Manchester, both downtown and in areas surrounding the  
Village, indicate a lack of communication and coordination between the Washtenaw County  
Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State Police, and local businesses. This will be discussed  
with Sheriff Clayton at the December SWWCOG meeting. Freedom, Manchester and Sharon  
Township Supervisors are asked to also address this issue with the MSP at Township Board  
meetings.

**13. Adjourn Lewis, Weidmayer, at 8:10 PM**

**The next regular meeting will be December 9, 2009 - Village of Manchester**

**SWWCOG & JOINT PLANNING  
2010 MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
<b>14-Jan</b>	<b>Village</b>
<b>10-Feb</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>10-Mar</b>	<b>Manchester Twp.</b>
<b>14-Apr</b>	<b>Village</b>
<b>12-May</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>
<b>9-Jun</b>	<b>Freedom</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>11-Aug</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>
<b>8-Sep</b>	<b>Freedom</b>
<b>13-Oct</b>	<b>Village</b>
<b>10-Nov</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>8-Dec</b>	<b>Manchester Twp.</b>